

# Superior Court Judge

## John C. Cagle, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 435 S. Denali Street  
Palmer, AK 99645

**AGE:** 51

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 12 years

**EDUCATION:**

Widener University, Delaware School of Law, LL.M. in  
Health Care Law (with honors)  
Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D. cum laude  
(Gonzaga Law Review Managing Editor)  
University of North Carolina Charlotte, B.A. in History,  
minors in American Studies and Political Science

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

North Carolina Army National Guard  
U.S. Army Reserve

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Assistant Attorney General, Director Medicaid Fraud  
Control Unit, 2018-2019 (Alaska)  
Assistant District Attorney 2010-2018 (Kotzebue,  
Kodiak, Palmer, Anchorage)  
Assistant District Attorney 2004-2007 (North Carolina)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Attorney, Private Practice 2007-2010 (North Carolina)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Legion, Jack Henry Post 1

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Alpine Skiing, Shooting Sports, Family, Challenge  
Alaska Volunteer

**STATEMENT:**

The Alaska Court System’s mission “is to provide a fair and impartial forum for the resolution of disputes according to the rule of law.” Within this mission is a pledge to all citizens fundamental fairness, which includes the opportunity to be heard, the chance to have the court process explained, and the right to be treated with respect. I endeavor each day to ensure that all litigants are afforded their right to be heard and their rights to be treated equally before the law. One thing I have learned from my judicial service so far is that serving as a judicial officer is difficult. It constantly tests your humility and patience. The Palmer court is the busiest court, by caseload, in the State of Alaska. Each day presents new challenges and unique experiences. I am thankful to have a strong support staff, both in chambers and in the clerk’s office, to assist in executing my judicial duties. It has been a privilege to serve on the Palmer Superior Court and, if retained, would be honored to serve the people of the State of Alaska to the best of my ability.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## Judge John C. Cagle, Palmer Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Cagle met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Cagle was appointed to the Palmer Superior Court in March of 2019. Judge Cagle handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Cagle met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Cagle complied with judicial ethics standards.

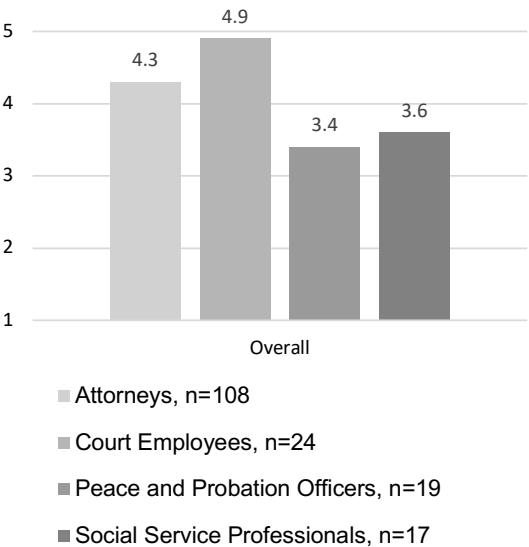
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Cagle in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Cagle gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees. Peace and probation officers and social service professionals who appeared before Judge Cagle gave him very good reviews. The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Cagle. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Cagle’s professional activities showed positive contributions to his community and to the administration of justice. Judge Cagle made contributions in the areas of committee service, youth activities, and community outreach. A detailed list of Judge Cagle’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Cagle, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Cagle performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Cagle



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)